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**New Jersey League of Municipalities Joins the Governor
in Call for Decisive Action on Economic Crisis**

In Trenton today, the Officers of the New Jersey League of Municipalities' had favorable reactions to Governor Corzine's speech.

League President, Mayor Robert Bowser of East Orange said, "We commend Governor Corzine for focusing his Administration and the Legislature on this issue. And we thank him for reaching out to the League and our member Mayors, and for asking us to share our ideas and our expertise in the ongoing development and evaluation of policy options."

"The Governor recognizes the limitations on what New Jersey and our member municipalities can do to address disruptions in global or national financial markets," said League First Vice President, Mayor Tim McDonough of Hope. "But he also recognizes that there is much we can and should do for our fellow citizens, who could be the innocent victims of those disruptions. His plan focuses on emergency assistance for those victims in three crucial areas; namely energy, housing and nutrition. And the Main Street Assistance Program will begin to reassure New Jersey banks and businesses, so that they will maintain, and maybe even increase, current employment opportunities."

Clifton Mayor James Anzaldi, the League's Second Vice President, observed, "As the public officials closest to the people and their problems, we look forward to working with the Administration and the Legislature on refining and implementing a fast response to real people problems. And, again, we thank the Governor for assuring us a seat at the policy development table."

"The State of New Jersey didn't cause this crisis," said the League's Third Vice President and Montgomery Township Committeewoman Louise Wilson. "And neither did New Jersey local government. But we are all committed to working together to do what we can to help our fellow citizens get through it."

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